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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE (SG) MEETING AT NATO FEBRUARY
5-6, 1974

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SUMMARY: SCIENCE COMMITTEE (SC) MET AT NATO FEBRUARY

5. HIGHLIGHTS WERE: INAUGURATION NEXT PHASE OF NATO OCEANOGRAPHIC
PROGRAM WITH APPOINTMENT NEW MARINE SCIENCES PANEL MEMBERS;
DISCUSSION OF WORLD MATERIALS SUPPLY PROBLEMS, WHICH SC WILL PURSUE
FURTHER; AND ISSUANCE SC REPORT ON EFFICIENT ENERGY UTILIZATION.
INNOVATION THIS YEAR WAS CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE
BY ASYG OZDAS. US REP WAS DR. WILLIAM NIERENBERG, DIRECTOR,
SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY. DETAILS OF MEETING FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM I. OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN - OZDAS REVIEWED
1973 SCIENCE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE IN 1974
OF ESTABLISHING CLOSE RAPPORT BETWEEN SC MEMBERS, RESPECTIVE NATIONAL
PERMREPS AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN CAPITALS IF SC HOPES
PRESERVE AND ENHANCE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM DURING PERIOD OF RE-
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EXAMINATION OF ALLIANCE. IN DUAL ROLE AS SC CHAIRMAN AND ACTING
CHAIRMAN OF NATO COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY
(CCMS), OZDAS BRIEFED SC ON CURRENT CCMS DEVELOPMENTS. AT
OZDAS' INVITATION, CANADIAN REP (WHITEHEAD) BRIEFED S ON INITIAL

ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS
ANALYSIS, ESTABLISHED BY EAST-WEST ELEVEN-NATION GROUP LAST
YEAR IN AUSTRIA.

2. ITEM II. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP ACTIVITIES
(AC/137-D/528) - COMMITTEE NOTED PRESENTATION BY ING. GENERAL
P. NASLIN, HEAD OF NATO DEFENSE RESEARCH SECTION, WHO PROVIDED
ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP ACTIVITIES.

3. ITEM III. 1974 BUDGET (AC/137-D/530) - OZDAS INTRODUCED
SLIGHT AMENDMENT TO SCIENCE DIVISION'S EARLIER REVISED BUDGET
FIGURES SET FORTH REF DOCUMENT, AS FOLLOWS (IN MILLION BF):

RESEARCH GRANTS 35
FELLOWSHIPS 144
ADVANCED STUDIES INSTITUTES 60 (INSTEAD OF 62)
(ASI'S)

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND 28 (INSTEAD OF 26)

THEREBY RESTORING TWO MILLION BF TO PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT FUND, FROM FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNT OF ASI'S
IN EARLIER VERSION OF SCIENCE DIVISION FIGURES (REF DOCUMENT).
FRENCH REP (NAHEL) PROPOSED TRANSFER TO FELLOWSHIPS OF
ADDITIONAL TWO MILLION BF EACH FROM PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND AND
ASI'S BUT THIS RECEIVED MIXED RECEPTION, WITH BELGIAN REP (CERULAS)
BACKED BY US REP (NIERENBERG) PERSONALLY OPPOSED ON GROUNDS THAT
REPEATED CHIPPING AWAY AT OTHER SC BUDGET ITEMS, ESPECIALLY AT
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND, IN FAVOR OF FELLOWSHIPS OUTLAY DETRACTED
PROGRESSIVELY FROM FLEXIBILITY AND SUBSTANCE OF ESSENTIAL SC
PROGRAM. AMENDED SCIENCE DIVISION FIGURES APPROVED FINALLY AS THEY
WERE (ABOVE), WITH OZDAS NOTING DIVERGENT VIEWS EXPRESSED ON
POSSIBLE CHANGES AND EVIDENT NEED FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION THIS SUBJECT.

DURING DISCUSSION FRENCH REP ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT GRANTS TO MORE
SENIOR RESEARCHERS RECEIVE GREATER PRIORITY IN SC DISBURSEMENTS.
THIS GAINED GENERAL SUPPORT AND SCIENCE DIVISION WILL PREPARE
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PAPER FOR MAY MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. ITEM IV. ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE PRORAM (AC/137-D/529) -
DEPARTING PANEL CHAIRMAN COSTA PRESENTED REPORT (REF DOCUMENT)
WHICH SC NOTED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON QUESTION OF MODIFYING
PANEL'S TERMS OF REFERENCE TO ENABLE IT TO SUPPORT CERTAIN
MEETINGS(E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS) NOT FALLING WITHIN PRESENT
SPECIFIC ASI CATEGORY. UK (COTTRELL), US (NIERENBERG) AND
FRENCH REPS EXPRESSED PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR MAINTAINING ESTABLISHED
ASI SUMMER COURSE FORMAT. UK SUGGESTED SECRETARIAT PREPARE
PAPER FOR NEXT MEETING ON POSSIBLE RE-EXAMINATION OF PANEL GUIDELINES.

DR. KESTER OF SCIENCE DIVISION ANNOUNCED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH COMMERCIAL FIRM TO PUBLISH (AT NO EXPENSE TO NATO) ASI PROCEEDINGS IN UNIFORM HARDCOVER FORMAT. FIRST FIVE VOLUMES OF EXPECTED 30-40 VOLUME SERIES DURING CURRENT YEAR WERE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING.

5. ITEM V. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM (AC/137-D/523)
DEPARTING PANEL CHAIRMAN DEKEYSER PRESENTED REPORT WHICH SC NOTED. DEKEYSER DREW ATTENTION TO CONTINUED TREND TOWARD SMALLER SIZED INDIVIDUAL GRANTS ON AVERAGE IN INTEREST OF CONTINUING TO DISBURSE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE TOTAL NUMBER, WITH OVERALL FUNDS REMAINING ABOUT CONSTANT. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS NOTED GROWING IMPORTANCE

OF NATO RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY AS SOURCE OF TRAVEL FUNDS FOR RESEARCHERS, AT TIME OF DWINDLING NATIONAL PROGRAM OUTLAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

6. 6. ITEM VI. STANDING GROUP ON THE SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM (AC/137-D/531) SC NOTED REPORT. SEE DISCUSSION ON SUPPORT FOR SENIOR RESEARCHERS UNDER ITEM III ABOVE.

7. ITEM VII. SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS

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(A) HUMAN FACTORS (AC/137-D/524) - EXPECTED QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING PANEL TO ALLOW FOR US MEMBERSHIP AT ALL TIMES DID NOT ARISE. OZDAS EXPLAINED THAT PANEL COULD HAVE US MEMBER AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND THAT CURRENT YEAR'S GAP IN US PARTICIPATION COULD BE BRIDGED BY USE OF U.S. CONSULTANT. UK REP EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF US MEMBERSHIP TO PANEL IN VIEW PREPONDERANT ROLE AND NUMBER OF US INSTITUTIONS AND INVIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS IN THIS FIELD.

(B) SYSTEMS SCIENCES (AC/137-D/526); (C) STRESS CORROSION CRACKING (AC/137-D/525); (D) ECO-SCIENCES (AC/137-D/527) - COMMITTEE NOTED PANEL REPORTS. (E) MARINE SCIENCES (AC/137/81) - US REP TABLED THE ADDITIONAL US CANDIDATES WITH CURRICULA VITAE SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT (REF STATE 13767). TURKISH REP (OZEMRE) TABLED TURKISH NOMINATION OF A DR. DEMIR, SPECIALIST IN MARINE BIOLOGY (CURRICULA VITAE BEING POUCHED). AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION SC SELECTED FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF NEW PANEL: CAMBELL (CANADA); DEACON (UK); GADE (NORWAY); GOLDBERG (US); NIHOUL (BELGIUM); ROLL (FRG); STEFANSSON (ICELAND); AND DEMIR (TURKEY). IN VIEW US REP AND OTHERS (COMMENTING AFTER MEETING), PANEL IS OPTIMUM COMBINATION OF CANDIDATES BEFORE SC; AS A GROUP IT IS OF VIRTUALLY UNRIVALED DISTINCTION IN FIELD.

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8. VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(A) WORLD MATERIALS " CRISIS". INVITED UK EXPERT DR. WILLIAM ALEXANDER KEYNOTED SC DISCUSSION ON LONG-TERM OUTLOOK FOR WORLD MATERIALS SUPPLY. ALEXANDER SAID HIS OWN RESEARCH HAD INDICATED THAT INCREASINGLY IDENTIFIED FUNCTIONAL INTERCHANGEABILITY OF AVAILABLE MATERIALS, UNDER PRESSURE OF ECONOMIC FORCES, ULTIMATELY SHOULD OFFSET MAIN ANTICIPATED SHORTFALLS. US REP DREW ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO VAST MINERAL RECOVERY POTENTIAL IN THE OCEANS; HE ALSO NOTED ADVANCED TECHNIQUES SUCH AS PREDICTIVE GEOLOGY. US, UK, PORTUGAL, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND ITALY EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN SC'S PURSUING GENERAL QUESTION OF FUTURE RESOURCES AVAILABILITY. ITALIAN REP (GIACOMINI) SUGGESTED POSSIBLE SC SYMPOSIUM OR EVALUATIVE CONFERENCE IN THIS AREA. OZDAS CONCLUDED THAT INTEREST CLEARLY SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJECT IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS FOR SC CONSIDERATION.

(B) REPORT ON EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY - SC CONFERENCE REPORT WAS DISTRIBUTED. US REP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT TIMELINESS OF REPORT AND SUGGESTED SC GIVE FURTHER EMPHASIS TO MODALITIES OF ENERGY SITUATION (PER REF A). COPIES OF REPORT POUCHED TO DEPT (REF USNATO 642).

(C) CANADIAN REP OUTLINED ELABORATE PRELIMINARY PLANS BY CANADIAN HOSTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1974 SC MEETING IN OTTAWA.

(D) OZDAS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING LONG-TIME UK REP SIR ALAN COTTRELL WHO LEAVING SC TO BECOME MASTER OF JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

(E) PRESS CONFERENCE - INNOVATION AT THIS SC MEETING WAS CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY ASYG OZDAS AT NATO ON MORNING FEBRUARY 6. OZDAS JOINED FOR OCCASION BY DEPUTY ASYG

KOVACH, US REP NIERENBERG AND UK SPEAKER DR. ALEXANDER. SEVERAL OTHERS SC REPS ALSO PRESENT FOR EVENT WHICH WELL ATTENDED BY NATO AND SCIENTIFIC PRESS.

COMMENT: IN VIEW US DEL AND MISSION, CERTAIN QUESTIONS EMERGED DURING SC MEETING WHICH WILL WARRANT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON IN PREPARATION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SUBSEQUENT SC MEETINGS. (A) WE WILL PROBABLY HEAR FURTHER PROPOSALS (AS IN THE PAST) TO SKIM OFF PROGRAM FUNDS IN FAVOR OF FELLOWSHIPS. US REP SHOULD BE READY TO TAKE INSTRUCTED POSITION ON IMPACT THIS PRACTICE HAS UPON CONTENT AND FLEXIBILITY OF SC PROGRAM ACTIVITY, WHICH IS CORE OF OVERALL SC EFFORT. (B) SERIOUS CONCERN EVIDENT AT THIS MEETING AS ELSEWHERE RECENTLY IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AT HOW BEST TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MORE SENIOR SCIENTISTS, WHO LARGELY NOT BENEFITING FROM ONGOING GRANT PROGRAMS. ISSUE WARRANTS CLOSER STUDY. (C) IN APPOINTING MARINE SCIENCE PANEL MEMBERS, SC CLEARLY PICKED THE CANDIDATES WITH THE BEST PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS, PASSING OVER NOTABLY LIGHT WEIGHT NOMINEES FROM TWO MAJOR ALLIED COUNTRIES (FRANCE AND ITALY) DESPITE RELATIVE POLITICAL WEIGHT THESE NATIONS, AS WELL AS IMPORTANCE THEIR RESPECTIVE OCEANOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS. THIS MAY HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON QUALITY OF CANDIDATES THEY PUT UP IN FUTURE. RUMSFELD

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